



## FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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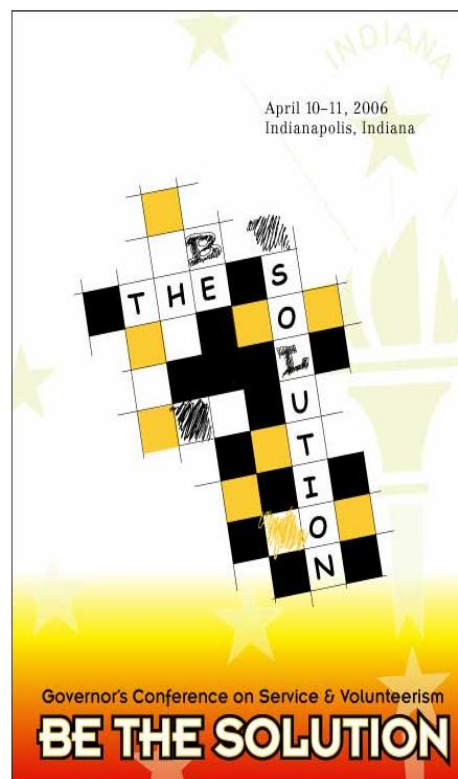
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**Welcome to Friday Night Facts !** This week I was overjoyed by a new partnership I witnessed in Indianapolis. I attended the “kick-off” breakfast for the House of Abraham at Martin University. What made this breakfast so unique was the attendance by members of the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim faiths for a united purpose. The purpose was to commit to the building of a Habitat for Humanity house. The mission of the House of Abraham is as follows: One God, One Community, One House. The House of Abraham is a cooperative Habitat for Humanity project, enlisting members of the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim communities of Indianapolis. These diverse communities seek to come together as one community in order to assist a family who is striving to own their first home. Participants of this project value the tenets of mutual respect for one another, acceptance of difference, and the right of each other's respective beliefs. These values are absolute. If one city can foster this kind of sponsorship, perhaps our state, our country, and yes even our global society can do the same!

OFBCI is receiving a steady flow of registrations for the *Governor's Conference on Service & Volunteerism* scheduled for April 10-11 at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. Almost 200 people have registered to date. Don't wait until the last minute to reserve your spot at this year's conference. Thanks to the input and dedication of our committee members (45 community volunteers), attendees will enjoy a great conference experience. Please check out the details of the conference on the OFBCI website ([www.ofbci.in.gov](http://www.ofbci.in.gov)) – we think you'll be impressed! We look forward to seeing you at the conference!



### IT ONLY TAKES A MINUTE



Please tell 10 friends to tell 10 today. The Breast Cancer site is having trouble getting enough people to click on their site daily to meet their quota of donating at least one free mammogram a day to an underprivileged woman. It takes less than a minute to go to their site and click on “donating a mammogram” for free (pink window in the middle). This doesn't cost you a thing. Their corporate sponsors/advertisers use the number of daily visits to donate mammograms in exchange for advertising. Pass it along to people you know! Click **TODAY** at <http://www.thebreastcancersite.com>

### Citizens Health Care Community Meeting

Patricia A. Maryland, Dr.P.H., President of St. Vincent Hospitals and Health Services and Executive Vice President/Regional Chief Operating Officer for the St. Vincent Health Indianapolis, was appointed last year to the Citizens' Health Care Working Group. This Group is a multidisciplinary federal panel that will lead nationwide debate on ways to improve the country's health care system and provide quality, affordable health care coverage.

Part of the Group's responsibility is to hold hearings and community meetings across the country on health care coverage and cost issues, and to issue "The Health Report to the American People." The Group, whose members are appointed by the Comptroller General of the United States, will make recommendations to the President and Congress.

St. Vincent Health would like to encourage you, your friends, family members, colleagues, and neighbors to participate in this important movement and share ideas at the Indianapolis meeting. This meeting affords Hoosiers the unique opportunity to become a part of a historic discussion taking place right now across America. The event is **free and open to the public**; however, registration is required.



**DATE:** SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2006  
**TIME:** 9:00 AM—1:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Butler University, Atherton Union—Reilly Room  
 4600 Sunset Avenue  
 Indianapolis, IN 46208

To register, please call David Coats at (317) 274-3826 or go to the Citizens' Health Care Working Group web site at [www.citizenshealthcare.gov/register](http://www.citizenshealthcare.gov/register)

### Interactive Children's Book on Philanthropy published by Learning to Give

(Muskegon, MI, February 28, 2006)—**Learning to Give** has recently published **Make The World A Better Place!**, a new, interactive philanthropy book for children in grades 2 through 6. the book offers full-color pages, worksheets, and activities, teaching children about sharing their time, talent and treasure—about becoming a philanthropist.

Join "Ant Phil", the narrator, as she guides readers through activities, teaching them about philanthropy, community, saving money, making choices, and planning their own actions for the common good. **Make The World A Better Place!** allows children to define philanthropy while offering resources to encourage involvement in philanthropic acts, such as a philanthropy calendar. Together with Ant Phil, children will learn to creatively share their time, talent, and treasure, allowing them to *make the world a better place*.

For more information on ordering copies of **Make The World A Better Place!** Visit the **Learning to Give** web site at [www.learningtogive.org](http://www.learningtogive.org) For bulk orders, contact Derrick Feldmann at 317-278-8965 or at [djfeldma@iupui.edu](mailto:djfeldma@iupui.edu) This 48 page book of information is only \$19.95. The educator discount price is \$17.00 if ordered from the web site. Discounts can also be obtained for bulk orders as well.

**"When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die."**

Eleanor Roosevelt